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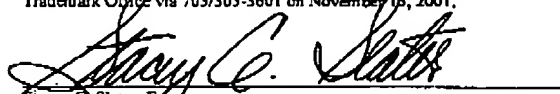
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
CONTINUOUS FORMATION OF
COMPOSITES HAVING FILLER AND
THERMOACTIVE MATERIALS, AND
PRODUCTS MADE BY THE METHOD


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

This responds to the Restriction Requirement dated September 11, 2001 (Paper No. 8).

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants elect with traverse product claims 82-119 of Examiner's Group II for prosecution.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims of the application as follows:

A1
82. (Amended) A cellulosic and thermoplastic composite product, comprising:
a core; and
at least one face layer.

A2 Sub B1
93. (Amended) A cellulosic and thermoplastic composite, comprising a first surface and a second surface, the composite having cellulosic fines adjacent the first and second surfaces, longer flakes adjacent the cellulosic fines and graduating to shorter flakes at a center portion of the product.